



News from the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission  
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## **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY BY VISITING BRIGADOON STATE NATURE PRESERVE**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 22, 2004) – To commemorate Earth Day, the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) is conducting hikes on state nature preserves located throughout Kentucky during the month of April. On Saturday, April 24, join KSNPC's Lane Linnenkohl for an interpretive hike at Brigadoon State Nature Preserve through the mature forested ridges and scenic ravines in Barren County. Participants will explore the rich, forest flora and large mature trees as we discuss the natural western mesophytic forest ecology of southern Barren County and discuss the rich history of this beautiful nature preserve. For information or to register for this hike, contact Lane Linnenkohl at (270) 745-7005.

State government agencies have joined together this year to celebrate Earth Day, which is April 22. Spearheaded by the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC), the various cabinets have organized environmental related activities throughout the month of April.

Among the activities planned are family hikes, state government open houses, public library displays, *Read to Achieve* Earth Day readings, as well as tree planting and water testing events. For additional information on these activities and many others please refer to the state's comprehensive Earth Day Web site at [www.environment.ky.gov/earthday](http://www.environment.ky.gov/earthday).

This is the first time a statewide Earth Day campaign has been organized by state government. "We in state government have a special responsibility to be good stewards of Kentucky's air, water and land," said EPPC Secretary LaJuana S. Wilcher. "Earth day is an opportunity for state government agencies to review their practices and take action to make Kentucky a better place to live, work and play."

The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring, and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

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